

## R. FARR FILES CHARGES OF FRAUD

Former Indian Service Official Denounces Valentine.

### ALLEGATIONS ARE IGNORED

Conspiracy to Defraud Indian Allottees Alleged—Timber Cutting Contracts Basis of New Charges. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Agreed with Contractor.

Joseph R. Farr, formerly general superintendent of logging in the Indian Service, who recently sued Robert G. Valentine, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for slander and libel, and subsequently wrote an open letter to the Secretary of the Interior, has filed with the Senate and House Committees on Indian Affairs specific charges of wrongdoing on the part of Commissioner Valentine and other officials of the Indian Office.

It is evident from Mr. Farr's course that he is determined to force an investigation, and that having made charges to the Secretary of the Interior which have been ignored for three months, as related in Farr's open letter published August 4, he now intends that Congress shall pay for the facts, and that the long-drawn-out course of conduct in the Wiley case shall not be repeated in this.

### Conspiracy Charged.

His letter to the Congressional committees is as follows:

"Hon. Robert G. Valentine, chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

"Sir: I charge and offer to prove that R. G. Valentine, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and C. F. Hauke, Second Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, have conspired with each other and with other persons for the perpetration of a fraud upon certain Indian allottees of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation in Wisconsin.

"Under valid contracts with said allottees, the Flambeau Lumber Company, of Lac du Flambeau, Wis., a solvent and responsible concern, was bound to log all merchantable timber upon said allotments, and pay for the same at agreed prices, taking all risk of deterioration of the timber.

"The time for the performance of these contracts having expired without the timber having been completely logged, it was necessary to require proper extension contracts to be entered into, to the end that the timber might be properly logged, or to enforce payment for the timber not yet paid for, whether it was cut or not.

"Negotiated with Company.

"In the performance of my duty as general superintendent of logging in the Indian service I negotiated with the Flambeau Lumber Company on March 15, 1911, an agreement by which that company was to make extension contracts with the said Indian allottees, which would secure payment for all their timber at the same rate that would have been applied had the timber been all cut prior to the expiration of the original period, the company continuing to take all risk of deterioration of said timber.

"This agreement was submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs by me on March 15, 1911, with the recommendation that it be approved. He refused to approve it on the ground, as he falsely alleged, that an offer of more advantageous agreement had been made to him by the Flambeau Lumber Company on March 15, 1911.

"Indians' Rights Forgotten.

"Subsequently, however, the said R. G. Valentine and the said C. F. Hauke caused a stipulation to be entered into on June 15, 1911, by representatives of the Indian Office with the said Flambeau Lumber Company, whereby the Indian Office agreed not to enforce rights of the said Indian allottees under their said contracts, which were clearly enforceable and which it was the duty of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to enforce, and for the complete enforcement of which the agreement which I negotiated with the Flambeau Lumber Company on March 15, 1911, and which the said Valentine refused to approve, fully provided.

"These contracts covered the sale of all the merchantable timber of the species named, and required the contractor to remove it, so as to prevent any deterioration. The record shows that a considerable amount of hardwood and hemlock has been cut, but that a considerable portion has been burned since the contracts were entered into, which, by reason of the consequent deterioration, would not at this time be merchantable but which under the terms of the contracts, the contractor is bound to pay for as merchantable timber, for the reason that it was his duty to remove it prior to its deterioration.

"Desirable Timber Cut.

"In his operations, the contractor has already cut the more desirable timber in quality and location, and the timber now in question consists for the most part of inferior species, in comparatively small amounts, scattered all over the reservation, some of which would not now be merchantable by reason of having been burned over and not promptly logged thereafter, but all of which the contractor is bound by the contracts to pay for, although on account of the conditions above stated it would be very much more expensive for him to log than the timber which he has already cut with great profit, and in fact, in certain instances, if he is to log the timber he would prefer to pay for the timber and leave it standing rather than log it. And, as to this last, it may be said that it would not be unjust to require him to do so, for the reason that he has already made a handsome profit out of the timber previously cut to great advantage by disregarding the timber in question.

"It is the duty of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to enforce the rights of the Indians under these contracts, but he has agreed with the contractor not to do so.

"I further charge and offer to prove that as a part of the proceeding resulting in the negotiation of the stipulation of June 15, 1911, above referred to, the said R. G. Valentine and the said C. F. Hauke restored to official

standing and to duty a man known to be unreliable and unfit for the public service, but who was also known to be subservient to their present dishonest purpose, in order to secure through him and another employee, known to be incompetent, a dishonest report of examinations of allotments on the said Lac du Flambeau Reservation.

### False Report Was Made.

"I further charge and offer to prove that the said C. F. Hauke is guilty of falsehood in that he did, in a letter to the Secretary of the Interior under date of July 3, 1911, referring to the said dishonest report, and as a part of the conspiracy between himself and the said Valentine and others for the perpetration of a fraud upon the said Indian allottees, falsely report that a certain personal examination of said allotments had been made, when in fact it had not been made.

"And I am prepared at any time to make and prove other specifications of falsehood on the part of said C. F. Hauke.

"I further charge and offer to prove that the said R. G. Valentine is guilty of falsehood in that he made to the Secretary of the Interior in a letter dated April 20, 1911, statements which were and which he knew to be untrue. I have heretofore more definitely and particularly specified and pointed out these falsehoods in formal communications addressed to the Secretary of the Interior under date of April 28, May 2, May 13, May 14, May 22, June 10, June 20, July 10, July 11, July 18, and July 20, 1911, and also in an open letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior under date of August 3, 1911, a copy of which was transmitted simultaneously to the President of the United States, and a published copy of which I submit herewith, to which open letter no reply whatever has been made.

"I am prepared at any time to make and prove other specifications of falsehood on the part of the said R. G. Valentine.

### Opposed to Indians' Claims.

"I further charge and offer to prove that the said R. G. Valentine, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has disregarded and acted in opposition to the public interest and the interests of the Indians in order to accomplish his own personal ends, (1) in retaining and promoting employees in the Indian Service because of their subservience to his own personal purposes and notwithstanding their gross incompetency or misconduct; (2) in maliciously investigating charges to be made against officers in the Indian Service, not because of any misconduct on their part but because of his own personal desire to discredit them or get them out of the public service; (3) in causing the expenditure of public funds under the guise of the accomplishment of some ostensibly official purpose, but really for the promotion of his own personal ends; and (4) in other ways which I will more particularly charge whenever proper opportunity is afforded for the submission of proof in such a way as to result in suits for action for the protection of the public interest and the interests of the Indians.

"As specifications under this charge, I now refer to the cases of A. A. Bear, superintendent of the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation, Minn.; James V. Hamilton, superintendent of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, N. Dak.; and R. G. Reynolds, formerly superintendent of the Crow Indian Reservation, Mont., and I will give other specifications whenever proper opportunity is afforded me to submit proof thereof in the public interest. Very respectfully,

"J. R. FARR."

A letter identical with the above was forwarded at the same time to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, House of Representatives.

## STRAUS DELEGATE TO HEALTH CONGRESS

Sails for Berlin with Letter from Secretary Knox.

Nathan Straus sailed Saturday from New York to attend the third international congress for the protection of infants as the official delegate from the United States under appointment by the State Department. The congress convenes September 11 in Berlin, and will act upon a resolution passed at the last congress at Brussels, in which representatives from thirty-three nations put themselves on record as unanimously adopting the following resolution: "The use of milk as food for infants is a practice of great importance, and the health of the nation depends upon the quality of the milk used. It is the duty of the government to protect the health of the nation by seeing that the milk used is of the highest quality and is free from all impurities and disease germs."

### RITES FOR W. O. BERRY.

Oldest Inhabitants' Association to Honor Late Member.

Arrangements have been made by the Oldest Inhabitants' Association for the funeral of Washington O. Berry, which will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Charles T. Yoder, 1327 Twenty-second street northwest, to-day at 2 o'clock. Rev. Weston Brunner, of Richmond, formerly of this city, will officiate.

Active pallbearers are the following members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association: B. W. Summy, Washington Topham, Charles S. Shreve, William A. Linton, B. W. Reiss, and William E. Reiss. The honorary pallbearers are Judge Charles Bundy, Prof. William M. Singleton, Fred L. Moore, and A. N. Regan. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

### September at the Seashore.

Cape May, N. J., during the month of September is a most desirable resort. There is a restful pleasure obtained here that is not to be found anywhere else, and it is the reason that it is so popular with the better class of people. September is an ideal month to visit Cape May. The weather is just what is needed for a vacation. The water is warm and the sun is not too hot. The crowds are not so large as in the summer months. The prices are reasonable. The food is excellent. The accommodations are comfortable. The entertainment is varied. The scenery is beautiful. The climate is just what is needed for a vacation. September is the best time to visit Cape May. It is a most desirable resort for all who desire a restful and pleasant vacation.

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## HORSES' DEATH KNELL IS FIRE AUTO'S GONG

Fire Chief and Staff Watching Work of Self-propelled Vehicles to Do Away with Animals.

Chief Wagner and other officials of the fire department are watching with great interest the results in New York and other cities from the installation of motor-propelled fire-fighting apparatus to replace the old horse-drawn vehicles. If it is clearly demonstrated in these cities that the motor vehicles are more economic and efficient, it is likely that all of the present fire-fighting apparatus in Washington will be replaced by automobiles.

The District has already purchased one motor-propelled fire engine, which is to be located at the new engine house at Rock Creek road and Georgia avenue as soon as the structure is completed. With this piece of apparatus, the officials will be able to demonstrate for themselves the practicability of the auto. The fire chief and the machinist are also each supplied with a car and it is likely that before long automobiles will be purchased for the use of the fire marshal.

## HUNDREDS ATTEND SERVICE AT FALLS

Devout Throng Grounds at Railroad Man Held Up and Severely Mauled.

Hundreds of persons took advantage of the good weather yesterday to visit the camp meeting at Great Falls, and from early morning until the closing exercises last night the grounds were crowded. Members of the institute are flattered at the success of the meeting this year, which has greatly outstripped those of past seasons.

Bishop Morrison, of Leesburg, Fla., considered one of the best speakers in the Methodist Church, delivered a forceful sermon at the morning service. Later an experience meeting of the old-fashioned kind was held. D. B. Sutton presiding.

In the afternoon Sunday school convened at 2 o'clock, which was followed by an address by Dr. J. R. Andrews. A song service began the evening exercises, which concluded with a sermon by Dr. J. R. Andrews. The meetings will continue throughout the week.

## "DEAF-MUTES" WHO TALK ARE SCARCE IN CAPITAL

Maj. Sylvester's Men Find Only One Fraudulent Panhandler in Three Years—Though "Dumb," He Talked in His Sleep.

Mendicant "deaf-mutes" and others of that ilk have a whole-souled fear of Maj. Sylvester's bluecoats, and they pass the city by with but a backward glance.

Not for three years have the minions of the law caught a bogus "deaf-mute" within the city limits, and only caught him through the kindness of the police. He gave his name as John Jones, and admitted that he made quite a bit of change by "signing up" the warm-hearted for nickels. When he shook the dust of Washington streets from his well-worn shoes he said "Never again." Jones told the police he at once made his mission in life one of informing the "deaf-mutes" who were in the city that they would get no more change.

## GIRL NEAR DEATH WHILE IN WADING

Serious Gash Cut in Leg in Fall on Piece of Glass.

Thirteen-year-old Maud Richardson, of 423 Shepherd street northwest, came very near bleeding to death from a cut received while wading in Rock Creek near the old Pierce mill, yesterday afternoon. The little girl slipped and fell on a large piece of glass, receiving a serious cut on the right leg. She was taken into the Pierce mill and treated by Dr. H. R. Stewart, of 730 Third street northwest. The little girl was then taken home in a carriage.

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